

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A beverage container, comprising:  
a bottom wall; and  
a side wall attached to the bottom wall, the side wall defining an opening on an upper  
5 portion thereof, the side wall having a groove formed in an outer surface thereof to receive  
one or more fingers of a hand of a user when the user is pouring liquid out of the container,  
the groove having a portion that is sloped to run from a position that is relatively closer to the  
bottom wall to a position that is relatively further from the bottom wall;  
wherein the bottom and side walls are formed to contain liquids within the container,  
10 the liquids being provided to and removed from the container via the opening.
2. A container as defined in claim 1, wherein the bottom wall has a recessed  
portion formed therein to receive one or more other fingers of the hand of the user when the  
user is pouring liquid out of the container.
3. A container as defined in claim 2, wherein the user places their thumb in the  
15 groove and one or more of the other fingers on their hand in the recess.
4. A container as defined in claim 1, wherein the user places their thumb in the  
groove.
5. A container as defined in claim 1, wherein the groove has two portions that are  
sloped to run from a position that is relatively closer to the bottom wall to a position that is  
20 relatively further from the bottom wall.
6. A container as defined in claim 5, wherein the two portions are sloped in  
opposite directions.
7. A container as defined in claim 6, wherein the two portions together form a V

shape.

8. A container as defined in claim 7, wherein the V shape points away from the bottom wall.

9. A container as defined in claim 1, wherein the side wall includes four faces  
5 that each extend from the bottom wall up toward the opening, with the groove formed in a single one of the faces.

10. A container as defined in claim 9, wherein each of the faces is slightly curved with respect to a longitudinal axis and the faces join to adjacent faces at rounded edges.

11. A container as defined in claim 9, wherein a bottom corner of the container is  
10 formed by the conjunction of the bottom wall and any two of the faces, and wherein the bottom and side walls and the groove are configured to allow a user to grasp each of the groove and at least a portion of the bottom wall to allow the user to pour liquid out of the container while holding one of the bottom corners of the container.

12. A container as defined in claim 11, wherein the user holds the bottom corner  
15 of the container in the palm of their hand.

13. A beverage container, comprising:

a bottom wall; and

a side wall attached to the bottom wall, the side wall defining an opening on an upper portion thereof, wherein the side wall includes at least three faces that each extend from the

5 bottom wall up toward the opening, the side wall having a gripping portion formed in an outer surface of one of the faces to receive one or more fingers of a hand of a user when the user is pouring liquid out of the container, a bottom corner of the container being formed by the conjunction of the bottom wall and any two of the faces;

wherein the bottom wall and side walls are formed to contain liquids within the  
10 container, the liquids being provided to and removed from the container via the opening; and

wherein the bottom and side walls and the gripping portion on the face of the side wall are configured to allow a user to grasp each of the gripping portion and at least a portion of the bottom wall to allow the user to pour liquid out of the container while holding one of the bottom corners of the container.

15 14. A container as defined in claim 13, wherein the bottom wall has a recessed portion formed therein to receive one or more other fingers of the hand of the user when the user is pouring liquid out of the container.

15. A container as defined in claim 14, wherein the gripping portion on the side wall includes a groove having a portion that is sloped to run from a position that is relatively  
20 closer to the bottom wall to a position that is relatively further from the bottom wall.

16. A container as defined in claim 15, wherein the user places their thumb in the groove and one or more of the other fingers on their hand in the recess.

17. A container as defined in claim 13, wherein the gripping portion on the side

wall includes a groove having a portion that is sloped to run from a position that is relatively closer to the bottom wall to a position that is relatively further from the bottom wall.

18. A container as defined in claim 17, wherein the user places their thumb in the groove.

5 19. A container as defined in claim 17, wherein the groove has two portions that are sloped to run from a position that is relatively closer to the bottom wall to a position that is relatively further from the bottom wall.

20. A container as defined in claim 19, wherein the two portions are sloped in opposite directions.

10 21. A container as defined in claim 20, wherein the two portions together form a V shape.

22. A container as defined in claim 21, wherein the V shape points away from the bottom wall.

15 23. A container as defined in claim 13, wherein the side wall includes four faces that each extend from the bottom wall up toward the opening.

24. A container as defined in claim 23, wherein each of the faces is slightly curved with respect to a longitudinal axis and the faces join to adjacent faces at rounded edges.